Dear Parents/ Carers

It is lovely to welcome the children and yourselves to Year 1. We are the Kind Koalas and our superpower is kindness! As part of our reward system, we will have a ‘Superhero of the Day’ who will be someone who has demonstrated our NPS values: Respect All, Take Pride, Show Resilience, Strive for Excellence and Be Kind.

You are invited to meet me and some of our Year 1 team on Friday 8th September at 9:00 a.m. where you can ask me any questions and find out about what we have planned for the year ahead. There will be a number of staff in our Year 1 team – Mrs Hulley in the mornings and Mrs Rudd for some afternoons.

Each morning we will be in the classroom to welcome the children from 8.40am; if you have any messages to pass on there will be a member of staff on the door until 8.50am. We will start the day with Early Bird Maths or Early Bird Writing. This is a very valuable learning time so it is important that the children arrive on time each day.

This term we will focus on the transition from Early Years to Year 1, and slowly introduce the National Curriculum subjects when the children are ready. The children will be introduced to Science, Geography, History, Computing, Art, DT and Music alongside their Maths, English, PE, RE and PHSE lessons.

The children will continue to follow the Read, Write, Inc scheme for reading and will bring home a reading book and a ‘Love of Reading’ book to share with you. We expect children to read at least 4/5 times a week at home and to play Numbots or practise number facts 3/4 times a week for 5-10 minutes on each occasion. Occasionally, there will be other homework tasks such as spelling, maths, topic and ‘whole school homeworks’.

The children will need to wear their PE kits on Thursdays and Fridays for the Autumn Term.

I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children on the next year of their NPS journey!

Mrs Robinson